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IN RE APPLICATION OF: D. Viano et al.
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FILED: July 29, 1999
FOR: FRONTAL AIR BAG SYSTEM
ART UNIT: 3618
EXAMINER: T. Winner

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Independent Claims	3 minus	3 =	0 x \$ 80.00	\$ 0.00

Multiple Dependent Claim First Added + \$260.00 \$ 0.00

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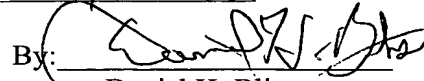
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2000.

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 remain in the application.

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Sutherland (U.S. Patent No. 6,123,355) in view of Suyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,575,497).

U.S. Patent No. 6,123,355 to Sutherland discloses a vehicle occupant safety apparatus. The safety apparatus 10 includes first and second inflators 14 and 16 and first and second inflatable vehicle occupant protection devices in the form of a window air bag or side curtain 20 and a headliner air bag 22. The inflators 14 and 16 and the air bags 20 and 22 are mounted as a module 60 in the vehicle 12. The module 60 or portions thereof including the inflators 14 and 16 may alternatively be mounted near the front of the vehicle 12 on or near the A-pillar or at another location on the vehicle. Sutherland does not disclose a trim molding

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